

My family has just moved to Amherst and we reside at 218 Strong Street. We are writing because of my concern about the safety conditions along Strong Street as our children walk to Wildwood Elementary School. Our children have to cross Strong Street in order to reach the sidewalk. We live just at the top of a small hill and cars traveling at 35+ miles per hour can't see our children until they are practically on top of them. Alternately, our kids can't see the cars until they are right there. It is a very unsafe situation. We have never lived in an area before where speed limits are so high around a school and where there are no 20 mile per hour zones when school is beginning and ending.

I propose that speed limits all along Strong Street be uniform, lower, and enforced. I also propose that yellow blinking signals be added to indicate a 20 mile per hour zone in front of the school during the 1/2 hour before and after school begins and ends.